

Dakota County Library Board
May 13, 2010
5:30 pm
Dakota County Wentworth Library

Present: Ms. Berggren, Ms. Kes, Mr. Larsen, Ms. Zenk, Mr. Pogatchnik

Library Staff: Ken Behringer, Library Director; Roseanne Byrne, Deputy Director; Kathy Peterson, admin staff; Maureen Bell, Manager Wentworth Library; Mike Turbes, technology manager

Others in attendance: Commissioner Nancy Schouweiler; Tom Novak, PS&R; Ken Harrington, CPPM; staff from Wold Architectural firm

President Larsen called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda: (item 4) Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Ms. Berggren seconded that the consent agenda be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report: (item 5) Mr. Behringer introduced Ms. Bell who updated the Library Board on the many events and programs happening at Wentworth. She reiterated that the remodeling of the Wentworth Library was very successful. Staff and patrons enjoy the beauty of the building and staff experience a smoother workflow. Maureen reported all operations at programs at the library were going well. Her report noted that the self-check use rate is 87% and that Legacy and Outreach programs were underway. The county is planning a project to clear buckthorn from the live oaks. She said that the sculpture honoring Bev Ekholm will be installed soon.

Mr. Behringer reported on the results of the naming contest that was underway for the coffee shop at Wescott. The Library Board approved the name "Dewey's Café". Mr. Pogatchnik moved and Ms. Zenk seconded that the name be accepted contingent on it not being trademarked somewhere else. Motion passed unanimously.

He stated that he was able to wrap up the final agreement with the Burnsville Performing Arts Center for the Rhythm and Words Family Music Festival by ironing out liability issues.

He alerted Library Board members that next month's bill list will include an item over \$50,000 since the 3M self-check machines and the desensitizers are due for annual maintenance. This will be \$62,298. The Library Board understood the importance of keeping this maintenance in place.

He commended library staff that had recently graduated from the Leadership Track training program. Participants were Allan Cotter, Mona Frank and Jackie Rusch.

Contract negotiations are still pending and awaiting a date for a joint meeting of the parties with a mediator.

The Library has received authorization from county administration to purchase an automated materials handling system for Burnhaven as part of the remodeling. The Library's cash reserve will be the funding source.

Rebecca Wilson of Reader's Services had asked Mr. Behringer to inform Library Board members about a popular new genre, "erotic fiction". Many libraries both throughout the state and nationally are collecting in the area in response to popular demand.

Data was distributed to show recent circulation and active customer patterns for the bookmobile. Mr. Behringer will continue to evaluate its use.

Staff from Wold presented samples of carpet squares and coordinating paint for two possible interior schemes. Library Board members were not in agreement about preferences and asked that the samples be augmented and represented at the June meeting.

(Item 6.a.) Preliminary Discussion of Capital Improvement Project Recommendations Related to Library Facilities: CPPM is seeking input from the Library Board on the nature and sequencing of building-related projects. Mr. Behringer, Mr. Harrington and the Library Board discussed the range and scope of possible projects for library improvements. A synopsis of CPPM's understanding of the discussion will be presented to the Library

Board next month. The draft recommendations need to be finalized by the July meeting so they can be presented to the County Board for consideration as it sets the county's 2011 Capital Improvement Budget.

(Item 6.b.) Discussion of Continued Planning for Replacement of the Library's Integrated Library System: Mike Turbes recommended that the Library plan for a migration to Symphony since Horizon is at the end of its life. He explained his thinking in documents that had been sent to Library Board members. It was noted that MELSA had appropriated funds for member libraries to use on technology purchases and that DCL would have sufficient funds to replace the hardware, software and the data conversion in keeping with the recommendations Mr. Turbes was making. Mr. Behringer noted that he agreed with the recommendation and proposed timeline and would work with MELSA to secure funding. The Library Board endorsed this recommendation.

(Item 6.c.) Continued Discussion of Possible Implementation of Social Media Presence for Dakota County Library: Based upon the discussion at the Library Board Retreat, Mr. Behringer felt there was support to investigate opportunities for better communications with customers via social media networks like Facebook and Twitter. There is an impasse at this point between County Communications and the Library on the importance of and structure for moving to communications to the public in a social media/networking context. He will continue to work with Library staff and County Communications to address this matter.

(Item 6.d.) Annual Review of the Library Director's Performance: At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Larsen declared the meeting closed, pursuant to MN Statutes Section 471.715, subdivision 1d. subpart (d) for the purpose of evaluation of the Library Director. After cleaning up, staff left the meeting room.

The next meeting is June 10, 2010 at Burnhaven and will begin at 5:30pm, following a 5:00pm reception for Commissioner Schouweiler.

At 8:00 pm Mr. Larsen declared the meeting open. As required by law, he summarized the discussion during the closed meeting noting that the Library Board expressed its pleasure in working with Mr. Behringer and confidence in his leadership and decision-making.

There were no other questions or topics to discuss. Mr. Pogatchnik moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Berggren seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Larsen adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm.

Paul Larsen, Library Board President

Anita Kes, Library Board Secretary